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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

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**Northeast Illinois Railroad
Corporation; Cancellation of Public
Hearing**

On April 4, 2000, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 17704) announcing that a public hearing will be held based upon the Northeast Illinois Railroad Corporation's (Metra) request seeking a permanent waiver of compliance with the Passenger *Equipment Safety Standards*, 49 CFR part 238.303, which requires exterior calendar day inspection, and 238.313, which requires a class one brake test be performed by a qualified maintenance person. Metra has withdrawn its request; therefore, the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2000, in Chicago, Illinois, has been canceled.

FRA regrets any inconvenience occasioned by the cancellation of this hearing.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 8, 2000.

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